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tried to bite the apple, it is too large for
them.

JOHN HOWARD is a hummer.

EVERYBODY is going to Dallas.

TEXAS should be "opened for settle-
ment."

UNITY and co-operation, progress and
prosperity.

A LONG pull, a strong pull, and a pull
all together for Texas.

Tax salvation of Texas depends upon
the settlement of Texas.

THE state is not the only sinner, and it
is not more guilty than others.

TO OLD TIGE: Stand around where you
will be within call; you may be needed.

THE Legislature should attach San An-
tonio to Fort Worth for judicial purposes.

THERE is no law in No Man's Land, and
the sixshooter is enriching the undertak-
ers.

IT is the class of immigrants that vote
for the other fellow that ought to be re-
stricted.

LET Texas railroads haul people into
Texas as cheaply as they will haul people
out of Texas.

CHEAP fuel, cheap tourist tickets and
cheap money is what Texas needs and
what she will soon have.

AS PATRIOTISM or selfishness rules at
Dallas to-day much good or none will be
accomplished for Texas.

GALVESTON ought to be well repre-
sented in Washington now that she has
the assistant doorkeeper.

THE railroads will be the first interest
in Texas to profit by an influx of pros-
pectors, investors and home-seekers.

"WOMAN is a born smuggler," says the
New York Herald. Has some of the fair
sex been smuggling the editor's heart?

IF JOHN L. SULLIVAN would only knock
out the Tory government the people of
this country would give him another belt.

CO-OPERATION, not antagonism. Repen-
tance, not recrimination. Action in
the present and future, not fault-finding
over the past.

THE meeting at Dallas to-day is to con-
sider ways and means to advance the
welfare of all Texas, and not of any sec-
tion or town of the state.

IF OUR ex-Lieutenant-Governor will
pardon the comparison THE GAZETTE
will observe that Boulanger seems to be
the Barney Gibbs of France.

JOHN SHERMAN claims the negroes can
not vote in the south. John means that
they cannot vote early and often enough
to elect Republicans to office.

IF MAYOR HEWITT has his way there
will be no more boudle aldermen in New
York. He wants the office of alderman
abolished, and the ward workers who
make a living by electing aldermen are in
a rage.

WHENEVER anybody thinks that Con-
gressman Crain is not a smooth one, he
should take off his thinking apparatus
and send it to the shop for repairs. It is
surely out of repair.

LET the people of Texas awake to the
importance of effort to secure immigra-
tion, and strengthen the public demand
for the expulsion of mossbackism from
the organic action of the state.

THE reporter of the Picayune, who
wrote up the late semi-annual drawing of
the lottery company, drew a prize of \$300.
He will be congratulated on his good for-
tune and people will wonder how he came
to buy a ticket.

HARK ye, politician. Step in and help
us get more people for Texas. The more
people we have the more Congressmen
we will have and the more Congressmen
we have the more of the brave boys, God
bless 'em, will be provided for.

EVERY delegate to the Dallas conven-
tion as well as all people who are inter-
ested in the upbuilding of Texas should
read the little pamphlet containing sug-
gestions by a citizen of Texas. It is
replete with information and common
sense.

"GO HOME and smoke a pipe," said
Sluggish Sullivan, scornfully, to the young
Irish lad who wanted to put on the gloves
with him. "Go home and smoke a pipe,"
is what sensible people feel like saying to
Foraker when they read his letter in the
Forum on negro suffrage.

IF in the whirligig of events James G.
Blaine should be elected President at the
next election, he will be well trained and
ready to conduct the White House in true
Parisian style. The great draw back to
such a regime would be that the average
American Congressman or Senator would
not know how to read the bill of fare at
state dinners.

THE liquor men of Atlanta, Ga., are
feeling about to know whether or not
their recent victory was not a defeat. The
license has been raised to \$1500, and the
small fry has been crushed out. The
majority of small liquor dealers would
prefer prohibition to a license so high
that it would drive them out of the busi-

ness. There are many in Texas who
would have to close up if the license were
increased.

"The Leavenworth Times has an article
on the strength of the banks of that city,"
says the Leadville Gospel Auxiliary, "but
strong banks are not confined to Leaven-
worth. We have them in Leadville that
carry a roll as thick as your leg and when
luck goes against them, have more in the
safe, or can borrow from any saloon in
the ward."

EVERY factor in the problem of immigra-
tion to Texas deserves consideration, and
no time should be wasted and no
wrangling be allowed to the detriment of
the adoption of the main question, which
is: co-operation of railroads and people.
The railroads to give as cheap rates to
Texas as to any other state, and the peo-
ple to advertise the resources and ad-
vantages of the state.

The state convention to be held at Dallas
on the 20th inst., in the interest of immigra-
tion, promises to be the biggest thing of the
kind that has ever taken place in Texas. The
Fort Worth GAZETTE started the movement, but
somehow Dallas has gotten the convention. As
a matter of right the convention ought to have
been held at Fort Worth, but it can do fully as
well at Dallas.—(Rockdale Reporter.)

The work to be done for Texas can be
as well performed at one place as at an-
other. Fort Worth will go to Dallas
to work for Dallas and Fort Worth and
all Texas. This is a state movement,
and Fort Worth knows the value of unity.

AS A DETERRENT.

Speaking of the movement in behalf of
immigration to Texas, the Dallas News
says:

Already the papers in the other states are
talking about the agitation, and the farmers
and mechanics of the old states are on inquiry
as to when the cheap tickets are to be put
on sale. In fact letters have been received by
Dallas parties from friends and acquaintances
in other states asking information in regard to
the rumors that they have heard about the
move. A Georgia man has written to an ac-
quaintance in Dallas to know if it is a fact
that Texas is going to be thrown open to settle-
ment, and if so to notify him at his earliest con-
venience, as he wishes to avail himself of the
opportunity to homestead a place before all the
good land is taken. This inquiring friend
from Georgia evidently confounds Texas with
the Indian Territory, and is under the impres-
sion that Texas is still in the hands of the ab-
origines. The impression of the Georgia man
in regard to Texas is shared by large delegations
of people in most of the states east of the Mis-
sissippi, and a judicious distribution of Texas
literature among these people will do much to
correct the impression that the state is pre-
sently in the condition it was at the time of
the fall of the Alamo.

It will not answer the argument against
the lease law, implied in the inquiry of this
Georgia man, to sneer at his igno-
rance. The people of Texas themselves
may know that certain lands in the state
are "open to settlement" after some pub-
lic official has declared them fit for agri-
cultural purposes, but the effect of this
"classification of public lands," is to ad-
vertise to the world that it requires an
official investigation to determine the
agricultural adaptability of the public
lands; and the lease law advertises the
west as fit only for grazing purposes,
since no men (outside of Texas) can con-
ceive of the good to result from leasing
lands suitable to agriculture.

Sneers at this Georgian do not reply
to the impression made on home seekers
in other states, or remove it. The lease
law is based upon the uselessness of the
lands for agricultural pursuits, and that
law upon the statute books of Texas is
notice to the world that, in the deliberate
judgment of Texas law-makers, the
adaptability of our public lands is such
as to require legislation for the
promotion of calf-raising rather than of
baby-raising.

For years THE GAZETTE has urged the
detrimental influence of the lease law on
immigration, in that it gives public and
official notice that vast areas of Texas
land are of necessity set apart to the use
of the cattle king, and people who fear to
come in contact with the dreaded "cow-
boys" stay away from Texas. And the
"official classification" is public notice of
the worthlessness of great bodies of
Texas lands.

The Georgia man expressed the general
outside opinion concerning Texas, and,
if it is deemed profitable to Texas to re-
move that opinion, the lease law with its
"classification" of lands should be re-
pealed; and the home-seekers of the
world will be thus officially notified that
Texas is "opened for settlement."

THE MEETING TO-DAY.

The meeting which assembles at Dallas
to-day, as the result of an agitation begun
on the 25th of last month, has in its
power the accomplishment of much good
to Texas. The obstacles to that accom-
plishment are not a few. The disposition
of the average American to air his
views on any and every subject of public
concern is a deadly foe to time and action.
The inherent selfishness of human nature
seeks to pervert every public move-
ment to private advantage. The crank,
like the poor, we have always with us.
The gentleman with an idea is never
absent from the public meeting. The
man with a remedy is indigenous to
American soil. The compact, disciplined
opposition to any change in the existing
order of things is ever ready to seize on
and utilize all forces of disruption, and
the classes enumerated above will re-
ceive encouragement. Therefore, those
who attend the convention to-day
to promote its avowed purpose
have need to watch and pray.
Speechmaking should be squelched; sec-
tional, municipal and individual selfishness
should be hushed into silence; the crank
should be invited to hire his own hall;
the foe to action should be given prom-
pts and emphatic notice that the convention
meets to do something for Texas, and

that side issues will not be permitted to
confuse and defeat its aims.

The convention meets to promote the
upbuilding of the state, and brief, prac-
tical discussion of what has not been
done and what ought to be done are
necessary to action, but crimination and
recrimination can avail only to defeat the
purpose of the convention. Every factor
that enters into the promotion of
the aim and end of the conven-
tion deserves respectful consid-
eration. For this meeting can be
made the initial step in a grand move-
ment of Texas, that will disclose all its
needs and discover all its possibilities.

That the convention may faithfully and
intelligently perform its allotted work is
the prayer of the thousands who have be-
come so profoundly impressed with the
urgent need for some action that will re-
sult in railroad excursions into Texas,
instead of excursions out of Texas, as is
now the case to the depletion of the state.

FOR THE ORPHANS' HOME.

All who have read the little pamphlet
addressed to the people of Texas and
think it worth 25 cents can secure a copy
of the pamphlet at THE GAZETTE office.
All money so contributed will be for-
warded to the Confederate Orphans'
Home at Austin. The following is the
first proceeds received:

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 19, 1887.

We forward you by express \$25 to be
placed to the credit of the Confederate Sol-
diers' Home at Austin, Tex., on account of the
pamphlet you speak so well of in two papers,
which refers to immigration to Texas, etc.

EX-FEDERAL SOLDIERS OF FORT WORTH.

THE MAYOR'S SALARY.

From the expressions of prominent citi-
zens and many of the big taxpayers,
printed elsewhere in THE GAZETTE to-
day, it would seem that the people of the
city would endorse an increase of the
mayor's salary to a sum befitting the
pretensions of Fort Worth. The
people appear to realize that there
are many financial demands on the
Mayor which justify the payment of a
higher salary than that now paid, and
that Fort Worth has reached a point at
which it should not ask of any man the
expenditure of money as well as of time
in serving the public. The dig-
nity of the place is to be
maintained, and it would seem that no
citizen would be asked to do this at his
own expense.

THE GAZETTE is convinced that the
Council would meet a general popular
wish by an increase in the salary, as the
people evidently believe the laborer is
worthy of his hire.

REVERSING THE PRECEDENTS.

Certain Texas newspapers have con-
tended that if the people of the state will
gather together the passengers and point
them out to the railroads, the latter will
make a rate to bring them here.

This is a reversal of all business meth-
ods unprecedented.

A merchant does not require a guaran-
teed custom before laying in a stock of
goods, but buys his goods, arranging
them in attractive show cases, advertises
them to the public, and employs drum-
mers to present stock and prices to the
buyers.

The newspaper prints the news to at-
tract readers, and does not demand a guar-
anteed circulation before doing so.

So should the railroads act. Makes cheap
excursion rate, advertise it to the world,
employ drummers to work the business
and the people who are seeking invest-
ments and homes will be attracted and
induced to buy.

The railroads will derive not only the
first benefit from an influx of people into
Texas but a permanent advantage from
an increase in population of the state;
and the railroads should take the lead in
this movement, and thus build up a pub-
lic spirit in Texas and bind the people to
them in friendship and good will.

An Elegant Paper.

Henderson News.

The Sunday edition of the Fort Worth
GAZETTE is an elegant paper. Every man